

THE BRITISH COLONIST

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To Advertisers & the Public.

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JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST PUBLISHING COMPANY have received a large and complete stock of new and beautiful printing type, and are prepared to execute all orders for printing in a neat and efficient manner, at a slight advance on the French prices.

THE NEWS.

The war news received by the Pacific on Saturday gives us a continuation of the fighting between Grant and Lee from the memorable Tuesday night alluded to in our former article on the American conflict, up to the following Friday. When morning dawned on the 21st day (Wednesday), it disclosed the immense carnage of the Tuesday's fight. Gibbon's division lost over 1000 men; Robinson's division, after losing both its general officers and 2500 men, and having no general to command it, was broken up and distributed among the other divisions of the Fifth Corps. Such is the terse index to the slaughter of the 10th of May. Burnside's colored troops, who had been kept in reserve in the great charge made by that general, were later in the evening brought up, and fought, according to the despatches, "with a terrible ferocity." General Grant, in his despatch to the authorities at Washington, acknowledges the heavy loss of the Federals, but thinks that the "enemy's" was much greater. He also says that 5000 prisoners were taken by his troops, while the number of prisoners taken by the enemy were a few stragglers. So far the result was evidently in favor of the North, although Lee's forces on Wednesday morning showed a front as determined as ever. At eight o'clock on this morning the seventh day's battle began; but beyond some severe skirmishing nothing was accomplished, both armies being occupied in maneuvering.

The following day, however, fully made amends for the previous inaction. As early as half past four o'clock in the morning, Hancock, who had during the night, and unsuspected by the enemy, taken up a new position, advanced upon the Confederates, supported by a heavy fire of artillery. The assault was so well timed that upwards of 30,000 men were captured in the first attack, along with Generals Johnson and Stuart, who were at breakfast. The assault continued; and at eleven o'clock, A.M., the number of prisoners had, according to the correspondents reached 7,000, and the guns captured thirty. Grant, however, in his despatch, says the prisoners were between 3,000 and 4,000, and Stanton declares them to be 5,000. At twelve o'clock the right flank of the enemy, below Spotylvania Court House, was turned by Hancock, and the left was engaged by the Federals, close to Grant's headquarters. A full hour ensued, but was quickly broken by a renewal of the assaults by Burnside and Hancock, who in a little time had crushed the enemy's right and centre, and driven the portion of the Confederate army back several miles with great slaughter. The battle, which is stated to have exceeded in bloodshed, on account of the increased amount of artillery employed, the sanguinary engagement of Tuesday, lasted the entire day, and resulted in Lee being driven out of his intrenchments and forced back four miles upon the river Po, which was crossed by the principal portion of his army during the night. On the following morning (Friday), General Warren came up with the rear guard of the Confederate army and some skirmishing ensued, resulting in the capture of a pontoon train. Beyond this we have nothing authentic from the belligerents. The despatches announcing that Lee's retreat was a perfect rout are evidently exaggerated. That the Confederate General has received in Friday's battle the most severe blow that has yet been struck by Grant there is no possible doubt, but that with consummate skill he has so managed his retreat as to cross a river in almost the face of the enemy in perfect order is also equally beyond dispute. Our latest telegrams leave Grant still pushing on Lee's rear.

Apart from the successes of the army under Grant the general news is extremely favorable to the Federals. One of the principal lines of supply to Lee's army has been cut off by General Sigel between Lynchburg and Charlottesville, at a distance of about 100 miles west from Richmond. To make, however, Lee's isolation more complete from the granaries of the west, the railway which forms a junction with the Virginia Central at Charlottesville, and which would enable Lee to obtain supplies by way of Gordonsville has also been rendered useless by the destruction of twelve miles of the line between the latter place and the former. By these operations of General Sigel and Sheridan, the Confederate army is placed in a much more precarious position than that resulting from Grant's vigorous blows on the battlefield. The only source from which Lee can now obtain his supplies is Richmond, and that must be an exceedingly precarious one; for the Confederate capital has been completely cut off from all railway communication South and West, with the exception of the line we alluded to in a previous article connecting Richmond with the Virginia Central by Burkeville Junction and Lynchburg. We pointed out at that time the necessity of a Federal operation on this line between Burkeville Junction and Richmond, and the despatches received in claiming a total isolation of the Confederate capital so long as that railway remained intact. By Saturday's despatches, however, we perceive that Butler has sent a detachment of cavalry to destroy this means of communication, should the expedition succeed. Richmond itself will be cut off from all supplies, and both the inhabitants and the army of Lee will be reduced to straits that can only end in a desperate and dangerous expedient for an army in the field, or absolute submission. Gen. Butler is making his position secure by erecting fortifications from a point on the Appomattox to the James river, and with Beauregard crouched up in Petersburg, is master of the situation south of the capital. It is not likely, however, that the latter general will remain so content with his isolation from Richmond. He cannot in fact, if he were so disposed, for he may be actively cut off from every source of supply. We may therefore expect an engagement at any time between the Federals' forces. On the result of the contest much will depend; for Butler gets worried, a good deal of the recent, and undoubtedly, immense advantages of the North, will be annihilated.

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Victoria, Vancouver, May, 1864. ma23

For Nanaimo.

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